

REMARKS

This is a response to the restriction requirement dated August 3, 2006.

The Examiner has required Applicants to elect a species for each of ingredients (A), (B), and (C) of the claimed compositions. Applicants hereby elect manganese acetate for ingredient (A), sodium lactate for ingredient (B), and calcium oxalate for ingredient (C).

Applicants take this opportunity to submit a set of amended claims. More specifically, Applicants have amended claim 15 and added claims 23-37 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which they regard as their own invention. Applicants have also cancelled claims 1-14, 16, and 19-22.

Claims 15, 23, 24, and 25, four independent claims, are different from cancelled claim 1 only in that they each recite a Markush group (i.e., the first group for ingredient (A)), which is a subset of the corresponding Markush group recited in original claim 1. Thus, these claims are supported by original claim 1. Similarly, claims 26-37 each recite a number of species covered by a Markush group recited in original claim 1. They are therefore also supported by original claim 1. No new matter has been introduced.

Upon entry of the amendments, claims 15, 17, 18, and 23-37 will be pending and under examination. Among them, claims 15, 23, 24, and 25 read on the above-elected species.

Enclosed is a \$795 check for the Petition for extension of time fee. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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